

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-32 are subject to restriction.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: species 1 includes figures 1-5 and species 2 includes figures 11-15.

The Examiner asserted that the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner stated that, currently, claims 1, 15, 29 and 31 are generic to species 1 and claims 8, 22, 30 and 32 are generic to species 2.

The Examiner asserted that the Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement.

In response, the Applicant elects, with traverse, the claims corresponding to species 1, wherein claims 1, 3-7, 15, 17-21, 29 and 31 are readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration and examination of the Application. The Applicant respectfully submits that each item raised by the Examiner in the Office Action of January 10, 2005 has been successfully traversed, overcome or rendered moot by this response. The Applicant respectfully

submits that each of the claims in this Application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

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Any needed extension of time is hereby requested with the filing of this document.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501612. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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